

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(There are no amendments to the claims; however, for the convenience of the Examiner, all of the pending claims and appropriate status identifiers are presented below)

1. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:
 - a controller configured to hold an internal lottery of a game using a random number at a predetermined timing;
 - a cabinet containing the controller, the cabinet having a front surface with a recess formed thereinto, the recess defined by a recess bottom wall and a stepped down wall extending generally perpendicularly to the front surface and the recess bottom wall;
 - a sound output device disposed in the recess through the bottom wall and having a part exposed to the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine and configured to output sound toward a front direction;
 - a light emission device disposed away from the exposed part of the sound output device and attached to the stepped down wall, the light emission device configured to emit light; and
 - a cover being operative to be connected to the front surface and to cover the light emission device, the cover having an internal surface and an opposite external surface, the internal surface having continuous asperities formed thereon for irregularly reflecting and diffusing the emitted light.
2. (Canceled)
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4. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light emission device comprises a light emitting diode.

5. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall and a ring portion, the cover top wall having a hole formed therethrough, the ring portion defining an opening and connected to the cover top wall such that, when the cover is releasably connected to the front surface of the cabinet, the ring portion projects into the recess and surrounds the sound output device to expose the sound output device through the hole and the opening.
6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein the ring portion has an inner circumferential wall and an outer circumferential wall having continuous asperities formed thereon.
7. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall, the cover top wall having a plurality of holes formed therethrough, the plurality of holes oriented on the cover top wall to facially oppose the sound output device.
8. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recess bottom wall has a mirror finish.
9. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of quadrangular pyramid shapes, circular cone shapes, triangular pyramid shapes, hemispherical shapes, stepped shapes and irregular shapes is formed on the recess bottom wall.
10. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein a light source of the light emission device is oriented to be substantially in parallel with the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine.
11. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a front surface with a recess formed thereinto, the recess defined by a recess bottom wall and a stepped down wall extending generally perpendicularly to the front surface and the recess bottom wall;

a sound output device disposed in the recess through the bottom wall and having a part exposed to the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine and configured to output sound toward a front direction; and

a light emission device disposed away from the exposed part of the sound output device and attached to the stepped down wall, the light emission device configured to emit light.

12. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the light emission device comprises a light emitting diode.

13. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall and a ring portion, the cover top wall having a hole formed therethrough, the ring portion defining an opening and connected to the cover top wall such that, when the cover is releasably connected to the front surface of the cabinet, the ring portion projects into the recess and surrounds the sound output device to expose the sound output device through the hole and the opening.

14. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 13, wherein the ring portion has an inner circumferential wall and an outer circumferential wall having continuous asperities formed thereon.

15. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall, the cover top wall having a plurality of holes formed therethrough, the plurality of holes oriented on the cover top wall to facially oppose the sound output device.

16. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein the recess bottom wall has a mirror finish.

17. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one of quadrangular pyramid shapes, circular cone shapes, triangular pyramid shapes, hemispherical shapes, stepped shapes and irregular shapes is formed on the recess bottom wall.

18. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, wherein a light source of the light emission device is oriented to be substantially in parallel with the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine.

19. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a cover operative to be releasably connected to the front surface and to cover the light emission device, the cover having an internal surface and an opposite external surface, the internal surface having continuous asperities formed thereon for irregularly reflecting and diffusing the emitted light.

20. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:

- a controller configured to hold an internal lottery of a game using a random number at a predetermined timing;

- a cabinet having a front surface with a recess formed thereinto, the recess defined by a recess bottom wall and a stepped down wall extending generally perpendicularly to the front surface and the recess bottom wall;

- a sound output device disposed in the recess through the bottom wall and having a part exposed to the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine and configured to output sound toward a front direction; and

- a light emission device disposed away from the exposed part of the sound output device and attached to the stepped down wall, the light emission device configured to

emit light.

21. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein the light emission device comprises a light emitting diode.

22. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall and a ring portion, the cover top wall having a hole formed therethrough, the ring portion defining an opening and connected to the cover top wall such that, when the cover is releasably connected to the front surface of the cabinet, the ring portion projects into the recess and surrounds the sound output device to expose the sound output device through the hole and the opening.

23. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 22, wherein the ring portion has an inner circumferential wall and an outer circumferential wall having continuous asperities formed thereon.

24. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cover includes a cover top wall facially opposing the recess bottom wall, the cover top wall having a plurality of holes formed therethrough, the plurality of holes oriented on the cover top wall to facially oppose the sound output device.

25. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein the recess bottom wall has a mirror finish.

26. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least one of quadrangular pyramid shapes, circular cone shapes, triangular pyramid shapes, hemispherical shapes, stepped shapes and irregular shapes is formed on the recess bottom wall.

27. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein a light source of the light emission device is oriented to be substantially in parallel with the front surface of the cabinet of the gaming machine.

28. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a cover operative to be releasably connected to the front surface and to cover the light emission device, the cover having an internal surface and an opposite external surface, the internal surface having continuous asperities formed thereon for irregularly reflecting and diffusing the emitted light.